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During the war the Canadian Universities have thrown themselves with great energy into a great variety of effort. Of graduates and undergraduates of Canadian Universities over 14,000 have already enlisted, of whom some 6,000 are undergraduates. More than 800 have fallen. The distribution of these enlistments covers East and West, the new Universities of the West having risen nobly to the call for men. Distinctions have come in large numbers to univefsity men, both in the way of high commands and of rewards for special service. The university man has made an excellent officer, but there are thousands of graduates and undergraduates in the ranks, as might be expected in a great democracy such as that of the Dominion of Canada.

Large numbers of the staffs of the Universities have gone on active service, and many of them are employed in giving instruction. Special work also has been carried through for which the universities were particularly well equipped. This is particularly manifest in the Faculties of Medicine. At least six of the Universities have sent larger or smaller Hospitals, manned for the most part by their own staffs or graduates, and given additional support to that which is provided by the Government through the generosity of friends. Some of the smaller universities have sent Field Ambulances. The record of this medical service has been particularly fine, not only in the character of the work done in the Hospitals for wounded and sick soldiers tut also in the scientific results that have been accomplished

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In the laboratories of the universities war work has been conducted for the Imperial and Dominion Governments. Investigations have been conducted in regard to munitions, explosives, and chemical possibilities. Antitetanus, typhoid, and other sera have been prepared in the university laboratories securing for the Canadian soldier good material and for the Government a great reduction in price.

Many buildings in the different universities have been set aside for military purposes, whether hospitals or barracks, or as in the University of Toronto for the Royal Flying Corps. The spaces around the universities have been turned into drilling grounds.

The members of the staffs of the universities have by lecturing and by writing done a great deal to explain the meaning of the war to their constituencies, and by this means as well as by the advocacy of the students who have enlisted the Universities have done a great deal to mould opinion with regard to the war throughout the country.

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